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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT MILI NI
SUBJECT: ABORTED MARCH COUP

REF: PARA 2 LAGOS 4430 AND KADUNA 415

1. IN DISCUSSION OF COUP ATTEMPT WITH BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH
COMMISSIONER IBADAN JOHN SIMEON, HE REVEALED FOLLOWING
ITEMS:

A. HE HAS INFORMANTS WHO GAVE HIM INFORMATION LATE MARCH
THAT GROUP OF ARMY MAJORS EXECUTED SUMMARILY ON MARCH 15.

B. HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO ON HIS VISIT TO IBADAN MARCH
9-12 (IBADAN 308) CHANGED HIS PLANS SUNDAY MARCH 12 AND
RETURNED DIRECTLY TO LAGOS INSTEAD OF VISITING ABEOKUTA
AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. IT NOT CLEAR IF ATTEMPT ON HIS
LIFE WAS CONTEMPLATED AT THAT TIME OR CHANGE IN PLAN
RESULTED FROM DISCOVERY OF PLOT. IN ANY CASE,ZOYO MILGOV
DAVID JEMIBEWON IS TAKING FULL CREDIT FOR BEING VIGILANT
AND POSSIBLY SAVING OBASANJO'S LIFE.

2. NO OTHER REVERBERATIONS FROM COUP PLOT FELT HERE.

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